Minutes of the Dodge County Highway Committee Meeting June 29, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Dodge County Highway Committee was called to order by the Chairman at 8:30 a.m. on June 29, 2017, in the Dodge County Highway building.

ROLL CALL: The following members were present – Harold Johnson, Jeffrey Caine, Jeff Berres, and Ed Nelson. William Muche was absent. Commissioner Brian Field, Assistant Commissioner Peter Thompson, and County Administrator Jim Mielke were also present. Office Manager Lori Fett, Shop Superintendent John Haase, Rick Satterlee of Ayres Associates, and Ken Weninger were present for part of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Caine and seconded by Nelson to approve the agenda as presented and allow the Chairman to go out of order as needed to efficiently conduct the meeting. Motion carried.

REVIEW MINUTES OF June 15, 2017: Minutes of June 15, 2017 were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Rick Satterlee of Ayres Associates presented a plaque of the CTH O bridge project and expressed appreciation for having the project.

STAFF REPORTS AND DEPARTMENT CONCERNS: Field shared a letter complimenting a County tree removal crew.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Concerns of cross culvert replacement trenches becoming rough were discussed. Department staff will ensure adequate monitoring until permanent paving is completed.

PROJECT UPDATES: CTH AY (STH 49 – N. Co. Line) has been bindered; CTH C (Jersey Road – Buckhorn Road) reconstruction has been started; and CTH S (STH 67 – CTH WS) in Iron Ridge is progressing but access for local businesses is challenging.

DEBT COLLECTIONS UPDATE: Lori Fett explained the State of Wisconsin debt collection service. Dodge County will be using this service to collect our past due debts in the future. Three bad debt write-offs were also detailed.

DISCUSS INVASIVE SPECIES CONCERNS AND CONTROL OPTIONS: Resident concerns regarding invasive weed species in county highway right-of-way were discussed. Employee awareness and spot mowing will be initiated.

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DISCUSS 2018 CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS AND PROJECTS BUDGET REQUEST: John Haase presented a current age/condition report of the plow truck fleet. 2018 truck acquisition options were discussed.

CONSIDER DRIVEWAY APPEAL ON CTH N: Ken Weninger presented a request to install a field entrance on CTH N in the Town of Rubicon. This proposal does not meet the current spacing requirements. Motion by Berres and seconded by Caine to approve the field entrance. Motion carried.

REVIEW VOUCHER PAYMENTS. Vouchers payment registers were reviewed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: The following item will be added to an upcoming meeting agenda: 2018 capital acquisitions and projects.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: The next Committee meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. on July 13, 2017 at the Dodge County Airport.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Harold J. Johnson Chairman

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